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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:
Akio NAKAJIMA

Serial No.: **09/400,833**

Group Art Unit: **3724**

Filed: **September 21, 1999**

Examiner: **FLORES SANCHEZ, O**

For: **WORKPIECE-TRANSFER DEVICE**

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 26, 2001

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.


The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Small Entity	Large Entity	Additional Fee
Total Claims	19	20	=	0	X \$9	X \$18	
Independent Claims	5	3	=	2	X \$40	X \$80	160.00
___ First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					\$135	\$270	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED:							\$160.00

XX Enclosed please find our check in the amount of **\$160.00** the additional claims fee in connection with this amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2340. Two duplicates of this sheet are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 26, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4-11, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the following claims as indicated:

1. (Amended) A workpiece-transfer device for loading a material workpiece in a workpiece-machining device and unloading a machined product workpiece from the workpiece-machining device, characterized in that the workpiece-transfer device includes a movement means with a rectangular coordinate system for moving a traveling body in a first direction along the direction in which the workpiece-machining device and a workpiece-storage device stand in a line as well as in a second horizontal direction orthogonal to the first direction, and in that said traveling body includes a gripping means for gripping a material or product

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